

Dear Sirs,

The airwaves are public property; we own them.

But if the people own the airwaves, are the decisions being made by the FCC in the public interest, or the interest of media owners?

More and more of what we watch and hear is being controlled by corporate interests. Deregulation has made radio less diverse, less inclusive, and less involved with local communities. Clear Channel - criticized recently for its censoring of artists and control over its homogenized music play lists - now owns more than 1,200 radio stations across the country.

Independent artists and labels do not have the budget finances to compete against BIG labels. Giving control of the airways to a select few would totally lock Independents out, not giving us a voice or a medium to be heard. The public should be given the chance to decide whether they like a song or not. How can they decide if the conglomerates control access and play? What the people want has been taken out of the equation. Because of this we are forced to hear the same thing over and over on commercial run radio. No diversity, no representation of the people only corporations. This is totally unfair and the people deserve more.